(b) whether Government have taken during the past three years or propose to take any action to make the functioning of the banking sector transparent, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for not removing the statutory provisions which enables the bank and Government to withhold the information regarding those creditors who have defaulted on payments or defrauded the banks in any manner; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the demand made by various quarters that particulars regarding defaulters above a specified amount should be made public, if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (d) The total amount of advances in all sectors of public sector banks as at the end of March 1993 (latest available) was Rs. 125.955 crores and the amount of overdues against these advances stood at Rs. 22989 crores consttuting 18.25% of the total outstanding advances. Com mercial banks are in the process of under going a time bound structural transforma tion. The reform programme is primarily designed to make the financial sector more viable, efficient and responsive. Banks are being encouraged to act as autono mous business unit, responsible for their performance. The structural reform in the financial sector foci's on easing cons traints, prescribing appropriate prudential norms relating to provisioning asainst loan losses and capital adequacy, introducing transparency in the accounting and report ing procedures, re-structuring and re capitalising banks. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prepared a scheme in pursuance of the above programme to collect and disseminate information on the defaulters of suit field accounts aggre gating Rs. one crore '"-id above. Neces sary instaictiens in this regards have al ready been issued to brinks bv RBI. In terms of these instructions, all scheduled commercial banks ;ind financial institu tions are reou'red to submit to the RBI bv 15th of April and October every vear ihe details of tv borrowal accounts which hive been classified as doubtful, loss nnd suit filed with outstandinr abnegating Rs. one crore and above showinc the position as on 31st March and 30th Sep tember respectively. B^sed on the infor mation so collected RBT w'U be publi shing everv vear in a booVlet form the list of suit filed accounts nnd also up-date of the lift half-yearly. Tbe information, so compiled will be circulated bv RBI to the banks and financial ; who mav make use of the same while considering on men's the requests for new or additional credit limits by existing nnd new constituents.

Cases of Embezzemenf te Nationalised Banks

2009. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MAL HOTRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of cheating, fraud etc. are on the increase in nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to light in the last 12 months, nationalised bank-wise and how do these compare with the preceding three years;

(c) the steps Government have taken to check such cases in future; and

(d) the number of bank employees found aiding and abetting such cases and the action taken against them, bank-wise?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Bogus Business by LIC in Meerut

2010. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRT TRILOKI NATH CHA-TURVEDI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the reports published in the 'Dainik Jagran' of 23rd August, 1994 regardinc inflated and bogus business shown bv the bran ches of LIC in the Meerut district;

(b) whether it is a fact that similar reports of fraudulent and inflated business in LIC Branch No. 254. Muzaffarnagai and Branch No. 366, Khatauli have appeared in the press and that LIC branches have been showing inflated figures of hus'ness renerated by them and what arc the details thereof;

(c) what action ha", been taken with regard to (a) and (b) above; and

fd) what stens have been taken to stop inflated business nnd streamline the mal-practices in the Life Insurance business ?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THF. MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : ' fa) to (d) The Governmen' are aware of press report regarding the nllerrd fake business tn LIC in the Meerut Division. Based on such reports, the LTC have informed that a special $_{R}$,^;$_{t}$ f_{s} being arranged foi the concerned branches to investigate throughly all these aspects.